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SUBJECT: MCAG 2014 RTP Amendment No. 2 and FY 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 12

Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IX offices have completed our review of the air quality conformity determination for both the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 12. This conformity determination for the RTP and FTIP are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR 450.

On March 22, 2018, the MCAG adopted the 2014 RTP Amendment No. 2 and 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 12 and made corresponding conformity determinations on May 22, 2018 via Resolution No. 2018/ 03-22-03. The *Conformity Analysis for the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 12 and 2014 Regional Transportation Plan* that was submitted by Caltrans letter dated March 5, 2018, indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the U.S. EPA Region 9 office, we find that the MCAG 2014 RTP Amendment No. 2 and the 2014 FTIP Amendment No. 12 conforms to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. Furthermore, no transit projects are contained within this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889 or by email at stew.sonnenberg@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tashia J. Clemons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T".

Tashia J. Clemons
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